

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 9, and 12-16 are pending in the Application, with claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 17-23 having been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter therein and solely to advance prosecution. The Amendment accompanying this response is made to advance prosecution and for reasons unrelated to patentability and is believed to introduce no new matter. Its entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above Amendment and the following remarks, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Support for the amendment to claims 12-16 is found in original claims 11-16 and throughout the specification.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to claims 12-16 as being dependent from a rejected base claim, claim 11. Claims 12-16 no longer depend from claim 11, rendering the objection moot. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn and that claims 12-16 be allowed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

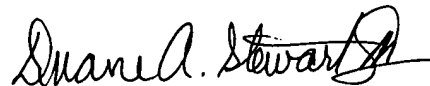
All claims rejected in the Final Official Action have been cancelled. Applicants therefore submit that those rejections are moot and should be withdrawn and the Application allowed.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Those claims previously withdrawn as a result of restriction have been cancelled solely to advance prosecution. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and as such, the present Application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Second Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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